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Students Advised Not to Try to Renew US Student Visas in December 2007

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh suggests students from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia studying in the United States remain in the United States during their winter break and plan to renew their student visas when they return to Saudi Arabia during the summer of 2008. There is no penalty, legal or financial, for students who remain in the United States, even if their student visa has expired, as long as they have not changed schools and have maintained their academic standing as students in good status.

Additionally, it will be very difficult for them to renew their student visas during the December school holidays. Many students may wish to return to Saudi Arabia during the December/January Eid holiday. However, the conjunction of the Eid holiday in Saudi Arabia and the U.S. holidays in December and early January will make it very difficult for the Embassy to process applications for student visas during that time period. The Embassy will be closed for all business from December 18-25, 2007 and again on January 1, 2008.

The Embassy is making every effort to accommodate the visa needs of students and does not wish to see any student's studies interrupted. The Embassy encourages students currently studying in the United States to use our on-line appointment system at <http://ksa.us-visaservices.com> to book their renewal appointments for early during the summer of 2008. Students are urged to plan ahead to renew student visas early during the summer of 2008 rather than returning home to Saudi Arabia to renew their visas in December of 2007.

Students still residing in Saudi Arabia who plan to study in the U.S. in the future are welcome to schedule their visa interviews on-line and set a date of their own convenience. More information about policies and procedures regarding student visas to the U.S. can be found at the Embassy's web site, <http://riyadh.usembassy.gov>.